

# The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Incorporating the worshipping communities of:  
St Joseph's Cathedral, St Peter's, St Paul's (Gracemere) & Sacred Heart (Mount Morgan)

4th & 5th of September 2021  
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Gospel Reflection by Fr Bill Senn

*“Jesus said to him, ‘Be opened ...’*

With this invitation from Jesus to the man who is deaf, we hear an invitation to ourselves to **be open** to the various situations which arise in our lives; in which there is sometimes an opportunity to **be open** and to learn and hopefully discover something new, perhaps?

This discovery may in fact just offer us something new and immensely valuable with which to renew our lives; perhaps in it's purpose, it's meaning and it's direction. The man not only experiences healing from Jesus but also mercy and compassion in the form of an encounter of friendship and kindness from the heart of God. It is the culture and the experience of **human encounter** to which Pope Francis draws our attention; and in that, we experience true human and Christian interaction.

May we pray for the grace of openness in our lives and may we sing for the joy of the Lord to redeem and empower us! Amen!

### The Cathedral Centre

#### Parish Office

*Office Hours:*  
**Monday–Friday**  
**9.00am–2.45pm**

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**Parish Secretaries:**  
Matthew Pettett & Jody Murphy

**Grounds Staff:**  
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Representative:**  
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9.30am to avoid  
disappointment.

**If anointing is needed  
urgently after hours, to contact  
a priest, phone  
07 3830 5216 where an operator  
will take your message and  
deliver it to a priest as soon as  
possible. Please provide your  
name, address and phone  
number to avoid delay.**

#### **Baptisms & Marriages**

Bookings are made through the  
Parish Office.

Advance notice and preparation  
are required.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd  
& 4th Sunday of each month after  
9.30am Mass.

# Mass Times

**Monday 6th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

**Tuesday 7th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm  
Also livestreamed on [cposj.com](http://cposj.com)

**Wednesday 8th September**  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm  
Also livestreamed on [cposj.com](http://cposj.com)

**Thursday 9th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am  
Also livestreamed on [cposj.com](http://cposj.com)

**Friday 10th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm  
Also livestreamed on [cposj.com](http://cposj.com)

**Saturday 11th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am  
St Joseph's Cathedral  
9:30am - 10:30am  
**Confessions**

**Vigil Masses**  
Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan  
4:00pm  
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

**Sunday 12th September**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am  
St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am  
St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am  
Also livestreamed on [cposj.com](http://cposj.com)  
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

**Ordinarate Masses**  
St Peter's Church, Allentown  
Sunday 9:30am

## Cathedral Bookshop

Open on Wednesday &  
Thursday 9am - 2pm

Open on Friday 9am - 4pm

New stock arriving regularly!

Contact 4921 2170

# Parish Calendar for the Month of August

**Sunday 12th September**  
*Safeguarding Sunday*

*We celebrate the Baptisms of  
Francesca, Aria, Malia & Jacob*

**22nd - 25th September**  
*Young people from across Diocese  
attend IGNITE conference*

**Sunday 26th September**  
*We celebrate the Baptisms of Douglas,  
Hugh, Eli, Arlo, Fallon, Leoncio &  
Henry*

## We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:

Pat Ellrott, Julie McDonald, Brian Geaney, Dwight Dellow, Monica Fogarty, Norm Pearce (Gold Coast), Ernie Trevaskis, Terry Molloy, Myrna Albania (Philippines), Stanley Darkin, Jim Woodall, Sharon Wright, Brian Geaney, Stanley Darken, Adrian Sutton, Eva Barry, Liban Van Mello & Brother Peter Francis Coe (Taught at Christian Brother's College in 1978)

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## Cathedral Gets a New, Easy way to Donate

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph gratefully accepts any and all forms of donations. However some giving methods come with costs such as printing that could otherwise be re-invested into Parish life.

With this in mind, our Parish is rolling out a simple, COVID compliant way to donate while at church, using your phone with our Donation Point Go system. It works with a QR code which has become something we are all too familiar with due to the pandemic.

To donate, scan the QR code with your smartphone to be redirected to a secure Parish webpage. Then type in your card details in to the secure page or use your e-wallet. Then click the pay/donate button with the amount you wish to donate fully customisable.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued contribution to our Parish community.



The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September - at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph and the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton are committed to care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:  
[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

### **Prayer for Safeguarding**

Gracious God,  
you love and care for all of your children,  
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.  
We entrust you the lives of children and  
adults at risk who have been sexually abused,  
and whose trust and innocence has been  
destroyed.  
Help us to hear their cries of pain  
and to take responsibility for those  
whose lives have been broken.  
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by  
those wounded by abuse,  
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace  
communities and families will find  
understanding and support, so that now  
and in the future  
their wounds may be healed and  
they may find lasting peace.  
Let your grace and love fall gently now  
upon our children and adults at risk,  
giving them the inner strength, peace  
and resilience to seek our assistance  
when required.  
We ask this prayer through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

Last Tuesday evening the Parish Pastoral Councils of St Mary's, St Joseph's Park Avenue, Holy Family and St Joseph's Cathedral Parish met for the second time, with Bishop Michael. We continued the discussion about how we can work in unity to support the ongoing pastoral care of the people across the Rockhampton region. Consideration was given regarding the practical and logistic needs of parishes, whilst being mindful of individual histories and identities.

Members of the Councils had worked together to create an inventory of ministries across the region and matched those with a similar purpose. We were then led through a process of discernment, identifying which ministries could practically work together in the short term as well as looking for opportunities to share knowledge and resources. Many examples were found (e.g. Visitation of the Sick, Prayer Groups, Baptism, Bereavement teams and Youth ministries) and ways of allowing these ministries to network together were discussed.

Bishop Michael asked the councils to share some of the initiatives that are currently underway. Northside Parishes are working through a strategic planning process while St Joseph's Cathedral Parish is undertaking stewardship planning. Once again much common ground was discovered between these initiatives, with an outlook for future sharing of learnings and successes.

The Parish Councils will meet again on the 26 October to continue discussions.

# Unleash.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 21 BNE

Australia's most dynamic annual Catholic youth conference is back in 2021 in Brisbane! Get ready for incredible live music, engaging speakers and powerful moments of prayer.

Our diocesan group is organising accommodation and transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Gin Gin, and is open to all young adults and high school students.

**When:** 22nd to 25th of September

**Where:** Mueller College, Redcliffe

**Cost:** \$300 (including accommodation, transport and meals)

For more info or to register with our diocesan group please contact Michael at 0433 897 973 or [youth@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au).

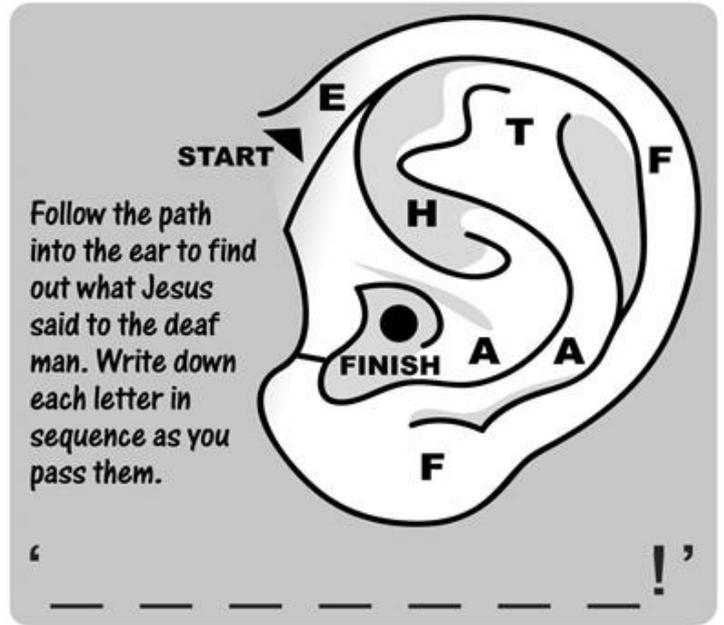


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# KIDS CORNER

## Reflect

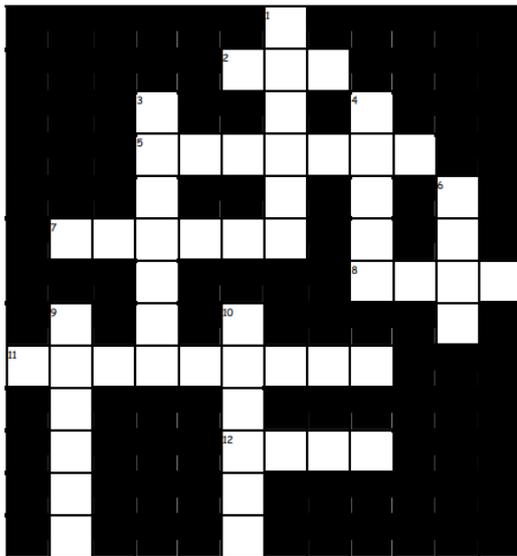
The scriptures today remind us that despite the afflictions we suffer as creatures, God's will for us is always wholeness and happiness. When we act toward others with love and compassion of Jesus who 'has done everything well', we begin to experience even now the happiness God has promised.



## CROSSWORD

Everything Jesus does is good

Mk 7:31-37



### Across

- 2: the number after nine
- 5: to heal the deaf man, Jesus put his \_\_\_\_\_ in the man's ears
- 7: the people felt this way after Jesus made the deaf man hear
- 8: a man who was \_\_\_\_\_ was brought to Jesus for healing
- 11: Jesus went to this land and made a deaf man hear
- 12: the people talked about Jesus, saying 'Everything he does is \_\_\_\_\_'!

### Down

- 1: the people \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to help the deaf man
- 3: Jesus said this word, which means 'open up'
- 4: a c\_\_\_\_\_ of people came to see Jesus at Decapolis
- 6: someone who is deaf is unable to do this
- 9: when he touched the man's ears and tongue, Jesus looked up towards this place
- 10: Jesus also helped the deaf man to talk by touching him on the \_\_\_\_\_

Mk 7:31-37

Everything Jesus does is good

I A J Z S G E F F A T H A F Z  
 V F I N G E R S D B G O X J C  
 T V U D S V C G E H E A R M C  
 C O Z C Q H H Y A L Q B A I B  
 Z U A R O H H P F H H N I W K  
 G C R O G H D O V B S M Q E I  
 O X Z W M D E A N M P P I N T  
 Z S M D H J C J B C I X V W O  
 Q X P P D H A A M A Z E D M N  
 A S N I M R P A H E A V E N G  
 T M A J H I O A T O V R S E U  
 W U V E G P L L E I O C Z M E  
 Q J A B X O I M N L V N J D I  
 Z E T H E H S B E G G E D W A  
 M V J D D G O O D O G F Q X I

Try to find these words:

amazed  
 begged  
 crowd  
 deaf  
 Decapolis  
 Effatha  
 fingers  
 good  
 hear  
 heaven  
 ten  
 tongue

## Enhancing Music at the Cathedral

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph has been offered a grand piano at a very reasonable price. The piano will be used to enhance the celebration of the liturgy in the Cathedral and enable the Cathedral to become a centre for the performance of sacred music and song – an opportunity for evangelisation and a means for the Church to contribute to the community in a positive way.

If you would like to support the parish in purchasing this instrument your donation would be gratefully received. Donations can be made directly to the Parish Office.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's liturgy of the word has recommenced at St Joseph's Cathedral. Thanks to volunteers who have come forward to allow this ministry to recommence weekly. We still need more volunteers to ensure we can offer this ministry, every Sunday at the 9.30am Mass. Please contact Cathedral Centre 4927 6744 if you would like to volunteer - training is available.

## Major Earthquake Hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a **7.2 magnitude earthquake**.

**Over 1,400 people have died**, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that **more than 30,000 families have been left homeless**.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

**There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.**

To provide support, you can donate to **Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal**. **Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.**

## Georgians in Concert

Saturday 11th September at 2:00pm  
South Rockhampton Uniting Church Hall  
312 Campbell Street

Guest Conductor:  
***Suzanne Goodsall***

Guest Artists:  
***John Lowry (Bass)***  
***Beryl Neilson (Soprano)***  
***Davena Parker-Clipsham (Piano)***  
***Alex Muller (Bush Poetry)***  
***Joan Brown (Soprano)***  
***You (The audience)***

Enjoy:  
***Community singing***  
***Afternoon Tea***  
***Money Tree***  
***Lucky door prize***

***Admission: \$10.00***  
***Children free***

## Ecumenical Corner

Churches Together

This weekend please keep in your prayers the praying community of Rock Covenant Love Ministries, Koongal.

Ecumenical Teaching

“In the Ecumenical Decree the Council goes beyond the assertion that the Catholic Church is the true Church to assert that Jesus, in his spirit is at work in the Churches and Communities beyond the visible borders of the Catholic Church; the Council asserts that believers in Christ who are baptized are truly reborn and truly our brothers and that God uses their worship to sanctify and save them”. (Documents of Vatican Council: Preface, Decree on Ecumenism)

***St Bernard***

***“The three most important virtues are humility, humility, and humility.”***

# Sacraments 2021-2022

*Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith Sacraments 2021-2022*

Calling all families with children who have reached the age of reason (which is seven years of age) to join the preparation journey 2021-2022 towards the celebration of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022. To register please call the Cathedral Centre on 4927 6744.

## Info for Next Round of Dayton University Courses now Available

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet.

Registrations are now open for classes starting on the 22nd of August. There are many wonderful topics available with course lengths ranging from 3 to 6 weeks.

This is an excellent opportunity for further education and formation for all parishioners.

To learn more about the courses on offer, check out the following link:

[https://vlcff.udayton.edu/courses/courses.php?group\\_by\\_track=1](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/courses/courses.php?group_by_track=1)

## This Sunday's Readings

### First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

God offers courage to all those with faith.

### Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 145:7-10



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### Second Reading

James 2:1-5

Do not be deferential to those with riches or power.

### Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Our call to have "hearts without borders".

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